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POLO

HINTS TO A BEGINNER

WORDS of wrath at Polo spoken
Should forgotten be next day;
They're a sure and certain token,
Good the game and fast the play.
Least words said they're soonest mended,
Never are they worth repeating;
Do not therefore be offended
If defeated or defeating;
Keep your temper and your place,
Gallop at your fastest pace.
If a man you chance to cross,
You or he may take a "toss."
Learn the rules and play the game,
Then you'll never be to blame;
If your pony stops to kick,
Beat him with your Polo stick;
If he shuts up like a cur,
Ride him with both whip and spur.
See your girths are new and strong,
Stirrup leathers not too long,
Saddle-tree correctly fitting,
Pay attention to your biting.
If to win is your ambition,
Keep yourself in good condition;
Choose a stick of proper length,
Weight according to your strength;
Bearing this in mind you may
P'r'aps in time improve your play.